

Transcript of Press Availability Before House Democratic Caucus Meeting

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— Congressmen John E

Larson:

Good morning to everyo

We'll be joined by the Vice Chair of the Caucus, who is also one of our conferees, and I'll leave it to Mr.

Instead, what we read about is that instead of addressing the need to put America back to work, we're g

We also understand that we have items left over from the last session, most notably dealing with the pay

Is it fair to continue to protect the nation's wealthiest one percent and have those amongst us, especially

There's a better way to do this. There's a fairer way to do this. And the American people understand that.

Put the President's jobs bill on the Floor. Vote it up or down if you're opposed to it or if you've got a better

I hope our colleagues will reconsider that as we go forward. I know that they – the Conference, will go on

With that, and I know that our Vice Chair will be here shortly, we'll be happy to take any questions.

Q: Can you address the rhe

Larson: Let me start with this bein

And do we really want to go through another process where after we vote we watch the stock markets t

Q: And how will you vote – t

Larson:

On the resolution of disa

party on that.

Q:

And how is that?

Larson:

Look, we think that this is

Q:

Given that we're now in a

Larson:

We'll we're disheartened

I have to believe that they have town hall meetings and that they hear from their constituents – that they

Q: Question for both of you.

Larson: Let me – go ahead, ask

Becerra: I agree. I agree. (Laughter)

Q: Do you think that the pay

Larson: Well I'll let one of the con

Becerra: Mr. Chairman thank you

The reality is that Republicans have taken both sides of this issue. They pay for some things. They don't

So we're trying to figure out why it is that they're pressing so hard for something that's so important to A

Larson:

And it continues to gnaw

We've got to start getting real about the choices that are out here for people. And the people that are su

We continue to try and compromise, but compromising in light of these facts. – and when you hear this,

You know, the disconnect between what's happening to average American citizens and the race that's g

Q:

Does that mean that you

Larson:

I would prefer, and spea

Becerra:

If I could just add – this i

When it comes to the middle class tax cut, there are ways to do this responsibly. You can treat this, if yo

If Republicans choose not to join with us, then it's simply a signal that 2012 is picking up exactly where 2

Larson:

Thank you.

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